

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, with the following paragraph:

A² Figure 9b9a is a schematic cross-sectional side view of a second example embodiment of a circular surgical stapler attachment used in connection with the electro-mechanical surgical device illustrated in Figure 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following paragraph:

A³ Figure 10 is a schematic view of a memory device of the first example embodiment of a circular surgical stapler attachment illustrated in Figure 9a9b;

Please delete the Abstract section and replace the deleted Abstract section with the following section:

A⁴ A surgical device includes a housing and a hollow shaft extending from the housing. The hollow shaft includes one or more drive shafts disposed within the hollow shaft. Each drive shaft is detachably coupled to a surgical instrument and is operable to control moving parts on the surgical instrument. A method for performing a surgical procedure includes the steps of inserting a hollow shaft containing one or more drive shafts into the body via a first orifice; inserting a surgical instrument into the body via a second orifice, the surgical instrument being configured to couple with the hollow shaft to connect the surgical instrument with one or more drive shafts; and coupling the hollow shaft and the surgical instrument after the hollow shaft and surgical instrument are inserted into the body.